

commission basis. Payment for such goods is made direct by the agent's customer to the exporter from whom the agent receives his commission.

INSPECTIONS: France has a very complex and sophisticated system of regulations and requirements regarding sanitary and hygiene measures governing imports of foodstuffs and perishable goods. Fish products, generally speaking must be inspected on arrival in France by veterinary inspectors. No pre-shipment inspections are required by government regulations although importers may request inspection.

PACKAGING: Certain container sizes have been traditional in France but have not been mandatory for most foodstuffs. EC Council directives have progressively moved to standardize and make obligatory packaging container sizes in EC Member States as well as the quantity of product that each must contain. They also cover the method of controlling filling of containers filled within the EEC and the statistical method of sampling for weight in the case of imported product and the size of print indicating metric weight of items.

LABELLING: There are specific sizes that are prescribed by government for the retail packaging of certain common foods including fish. Regulations also require that these prescribed products bear labels indicating price per kilogram or actual metric quantity and corresponding retail price. Regulations with respect to the labelling of shipping cartons require that the country of origin must appear in French on containers and packages. The